

Transparency in Instructional Materials

TITLE: Transparency in Instructional Materials Policy

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures governing House Bill 1467, signed by Governor DeSantis on March 25, 2022, and effective July 1, 2022, which requires school systems to be transparent in the selection of instructional materials, library, and reading materials not already adopted by the State of Florida. This legislation preserves the right of parents to make decisions about what materials their children are exposed to in school.

POLICY:

Lake Wales Charter Schools will be transparent in selecting instructional and library material.

PROCEDURES:

- Require that book selection meet the selection criteria in section (s.)1006.40(3)(d), Florida Statutes (F.S.).
- Require consultation with reputable, professionally recognized reviewing periodicals and school community stakeholders.
- Provide library media center collection are based on reader interest, support state academic standards, curriculum alignment, and the academic needs of students and faculty.
- Provide for regular removal or discontinuation of books based on physical condition, rate of recent circulation, alignment of state academic standards and relevancy to curriculum, out-of-date content, and required removal pursuant to s.1006.28(2)(a)2, F.S.
- Publish on the website, in a searchable format prescribed by the Florida Department of Education, a list of all instructional materials, including those used to provide instruction required as part of (s.) 1003.42, F.S.
- Provide public access to system materials before the board takes any official action on such material.
- Attend, FLDOE Bureau of Standards, and Instructional Support Library Media Training under section s. 1006.28(2)(d), and s. 1006.29(6) Florida Statute.
- Annually, beginning June 30, 2023, submit to the Commissioner of Education a report that identifies each material for which the school district received an objection for the school year and the specific objections thereto, each material that was removed or discontinued as a result of an objection, and the grade level and course for which a removed or discontinued material was used, as applicable.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: (s.) 1006.28(2)(a)2 F.S., (s.) 1006.40(3)(d). (s.) 1003.42 F.S.,
Adopted: xx/xx/xxxx